

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 158
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate David and Doris Christenson on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1955, David Allen Christenson and Doris May Rudd were joined in holy matrimony at the courthouse in Springfield, Tennessee, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. David and Doris Christenson have been highly respected citizens of the White House community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, serving with bravery and valor, Mr. Christenson was a member of the 508 Airborne Regimental Combat Unit based out of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, once his service was completed, the Christensons moved to Chicago, Illinois, where Mr. Christenson performed with acumen and alacrity as an electrician. In this position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the couple moved to White House, Tennessee, where they currently reside, and Mr. Christenson eventually started his own business, CRS Electric Company, from which he retired in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Doris Christenson happily spent her time raising their three children and working part-time jobs, one of which was serving as secretary and bookkeeper of David's electric business; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage produced three beloved children, daughter Denise Christenson Thornton, son David Christenson, Jr., and their late son, Drew Christenson; and

WHEREAS, the Christenson's are also the proud grandparents of two treasured grandchildren, Hollie and Brooke Thornton; and

WHEREAS, David and Doris are active and devout members of White House First United Methodist Church where they have served faithfully for many years. Mr. Christenson is also a member of the White House Masonic Lodge where he has served as Grand Master on two different occasions; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Christenson's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate David and Doris Christenson on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.